

## SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

### Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

N/A

### Identification of Claims Discussed

5           Claims 1, 9 and 18

### Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent No. 5,698,316 to Kuras et al. ("Kuras")

### Proposed Amendments

10           Applicants proposed to amend Claims 1 and 9 substantially as shown above. Applicants also proposed to add new Claim 18 substantially as shown above.

### Principal Arguments and Other Matters

15           With respect to Claims 1 and 9, Applicants argued that Kuras fails to teach or suggest at least electrically conductive splice plates, electrically conductive straps and electrically conductive fasteners in combination with the other recited limitations. With respect to Claim 18, Applicants argued that Kuras fails to teach or suggest at least adjacent pairs of the composite panels defining a groove therebetween and electrically conductive splice plates, with each splice plate disposed within one of the grooves, in combination with the other recited limitations.

### Results of Interview

20           The Examiner indicated that she would further consider Applicants's claim amendments and arguments, but she could not yet reach a patentability determination.